

Subject: LATE WORK ITEMS - AUTOMATIC CANCELLATION- TMB RESOLUTION 55/1998  
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Dear TC/SC secretary

You will find hereafter an electronic version of a circular letter that you should (have) receive(d) informing you of the rules for cancellation of late work items according to the TMB resolutions 55/1998.

Accordingly : all the items that have not reached the FDIS stage in 7 years from their registration will now be automatically cancelled on a monthly basis.

**The complete rules for cancellation are :**

- a) systematic cancellation of all questions (current stage between 20.00 and 30.99) whose registration dates are (20.00 or 30.00) more than 7 years old.**
- b) systematic cancellation of all DIS (current stage between 40.60 and 40.99) whose registration dates are more than 7 years old and whose current stage are older than 1 year.**

The rules for re-activation of these work items are indicated in the following mail , and I am copying them for ease of use:

**The criteria for re-activation of items cancelled under TMB resolution 55/1998 have been defined as follows:**

- 1) As a positive result of a ballot on a new work item proposal in the appropriate committee, which led to the reconfirmation of the deleted work item**
- 2) Incoming DIS at ISO/CS: If the DIS is received within three months following the project deletion and if the project had been registered in the stage 30.99 (i.e. Committee Draft approved by the Committee for registration as a DIS) in the last six months preceding the automatic cancellation.**
- 3) Incoming DIS or FDIS at ISO/CS: If the FDIS (or DIS) is received within three months following the project deletion and if the last current stage of the deleted project, i.e. the DIS or FDIS, was introduced in the last twelve months preceding the automatic cancellation date.**

I shall therefore inform you every month of the list of Work items that have been deleted from your work program

Best regards

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Dear Sir or Madam,

At its meeting in June 1998, the TMB took resolution 55/1998, which was implemented as of January 1999 by the Central Secretariat, and which resulted in the cancellation of a substantial number of late work items:

### **Technical Management Board resolution 55/1998**

#### ***"Late work items"***

*The Technical Management Board, noting the substantial number of work items with very long development times as well as those which did not progress for a substantial period of time, approves the following rules for dealing with late work items as from 1 January 1999:*

- *if a work item has not progressed for two years or more, the responsible committee shall provide justification for its retention in the work programme, taking into account the market need for this standard,*
- *if a work item has not reached publication stage after seven years or longer, it will automatically be cancelled and,*
- *should the committee wish to continue such a work item, it shall re-ballot a new work item proposal and, if the acceptance criteria are met, it shall register the work item as a new project."*

*The TMB Secretariat has been asked by some TMB members to provide lists of all cancelled work items and such lists have now been made available on the TMB site of the ISO/CS document management system in the folder "TMB items for information".*

You will find the following two files in this folder (due to technical reasons it was not possible to merge the two files):

(Direct access: <http://isodoc.iso.ch/livelink/livelink?func=doc.browse&nodeid=61739>)

- "Late work items deleted based on TMB resolution 55/1998"  
NOTE: This file contains 489 cancelled work items (on 170 pages!)
- "Late work items deleted based on TMB resolution 55/1998, which have afterwards been reactivated"  
NOTE: This file contains 46 re-activated work items (on 26 pages)

Up to now the implementation of TMB resolution 55/1998 has resulted in the cancellation of 443 work items (i.e. 489 - 46). The criteria for re-activation of items cancelled under TMB resolution 55/1998 have been defined as follows:

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- 2) Incoming DIS at ISO/CS: If the DIS is received within three months following the project deletion and if the project had been registered in the stage 30.99 (i.e. Committee Draft approved by the Committee for registration as a DIS) in the last six months preceding the automatic cancellation.
- 3) Incoming DIS or FDIS at ISO/CS: If the FDIS (or DIS) is received within three months following the project deletion and if the last current stage of the deleted project, i.e. the DIS or FDIS, was introduced in the last twelve months preceding the automatic cancellation date.

I hope the above information is understandable and useful.

With kind regards,

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